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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 240302 SENT ROME DATED OCT 31.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IT, IZ

SUBJECT: SALE OF ITALIAN M-113'S TO IRAQ

REFERENCE: ROME 14295

1. THE USG IS UNABLE TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE PROPOSED  
THIRD COUNTRY SALE OF 200 M-113-A1 ARMORED PERSONNEL  
CARRIERS BY ITALY TO IRAQ AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. IN  
REPLYING TO THE GOI YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THE EMBARGO ON ARMS  
SALES THAT THE USG HAS MAINTAINED SINCE 1967 TOWARD MIDDLE  
EAST COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELA-  
TIONS. ALSO, UNDER SECTION 3(A) OF THE F  
REIGN MILITARY  
SALES ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED, WE ARE UNABLE TO APPROVE  
THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF FMS-ORIGIN ITEMS "UNLESS THE  
UNITED STATES ITSELF WOULD TRANSFER THE DEFENSE ARTICLE  
UNDER CONSIDERATION TO THAT COUNTRY". IRAQ IS NOT CURRENTLY  
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ELIGIBLE FOR FMS AND THEREFORE PROPOSED TRANSFER CANNOT BE

APPROVED.

2. FYI THE USG IN ANY EVENT COULD NOT FAVOR SUCH A SALE  
TO IRAQ BECAUSE OF THE HOSTILITY EXPRESSED BY IRAQI  
LEADERSHIP CONCERNING US PEACE INITIATIVES IN THE AREA. AN  
AGREEMENT TO THE SALE OF SUCH LETHAL SYSTEMS IN VIEW OF THE  
KURDISH WAR COULD ONLY COMPLICATE US RELATIONS IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY WITH IRAN. INGERSOLL  
UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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